



The Committee on Urban Design and Environment (CUDE) met at 11:30 AM on Thursday, February 18, 2010 in Room 320 City Hall, Rochester, MN.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dick Abraham, Nora Dooley, Gail Eadie, Mark Engel, Mark Jasmin, Jim Judisch, Stephan Lewis, Lindsey Meek, Roger Nelson, Terry Spaeth, Susan Strandberg, Jean Weathers-Lowin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandi Goslee, Dave Peterson, Brian Smidt, Zach Thaler

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Mark Jasmin was strong-armed into recording the meeting minutes.
January 21 CUDE Meeting Minutes were approved without exception.

Referral Notices

None

Notes of Appreciation

None

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Zumbro Restoration Project – Bill Angerman and Joe Hensel (RPU Director of Field Services)

Lake Zumbro, 6 miles north of Rochester, was established when the hydro-electric dam was constructed in 1919. The City of Rochester acquired the lake bottom as part of the project. The dam generates 2% of RPU's electrical energy. Peak recreational usage for Lake Zumbro is 1600 people per day. Walleyes have been stocked in the lake since 2007.

Since 1991, the surface area of the lake has been reduced by sediment from 641 acres to 585. The volume of the lake has been reduced by almost 50%. Most of this sediment occurred within the first 50 years when farming and storm water practices were not geared towards conservation.

The Restoration Project, with an estimated cost of \$10M (though the proposed bonding bill reduces that to \$7.5M), will remove about 1M cubic yards of sediment from the lake bottom, primarily in the south half of the lake, to achieve a minimum depth of 6 feet in the majority of the water. The Restoration Project is seeking half of the project cost from the state, with the rest of the funds produced locally.

Mayo Civic Center Expansion – Steve Sorenson (TSP), Ken Betsch (Betsch and Associates) and Donna Drews (Mayo Civic Center GM)

The project would expand the MCC south into the existing circle drive area, west to front Civic Center Drive and would include a 'Black Box' theater addition to the Civic Theater. A green space would be maintained at the NW corner of the site and vegetated with 4 season plantings in a rhythm pattern to enhance the fenestration of the 'Black Box'.

The west addition will serve as a grand lobby, with multiple entrance points and generous vehicle drop off lane along Civic Center Drive.

To the south, the grand lobby will wrap around to connect with the Art Center. An undulating glass wall steps back to maintain vistas from Second Street, and forming a plaza between the south building façade

and the river. The plaza is designed as a series of outdoor rooms with ample shade trees, to provide opportunities for formal, informal gathering and breakout space for conference attendees.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Adjourn – 1:00. Next meeting will be at 11:30 on March 18th in Room 320 City Hall.